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In Re Application of:

John J. QUINN et al. Confirmation No.: 9085

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Title: DUAL-PURPOSE PRIMERS AND PROBES FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED

HYBRIDIZATION ASSAYS BY DISRUPTION OF SECONDARY STRUCTURE

FORMATION

BLANKET PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE OR CREDIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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Sir:

If a paper is untimely filed in this application or any continuation or divisional application derived therefrom by applicants or their representative, the Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for the minimum extension of time required to make said paper timely. In the event a petition for extension of time is made under the provisions of this paragraph, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) to Deposit Account No. 18-0580.

If a paper is concurrently or subsequently filed in this application or any continuation or divisional application derived therefrom by applicants or their representative and a fee under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17 is required to effect any amendment, petition or other action requested in said paper, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge any deficiency in said fee, or credit any overpayment of said fee, to Deposit Account No. 18-0580. This, however, is not authorization to pay the issue fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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